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Week 1 - Term 3

Dear Families,

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a restful break in the school holidays. It was wonderful to see all of the smiling faces back at school on Monday, ready for a jam packed term full of learning and fun.

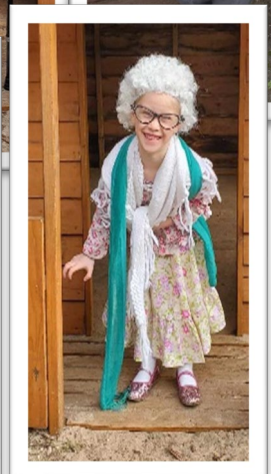
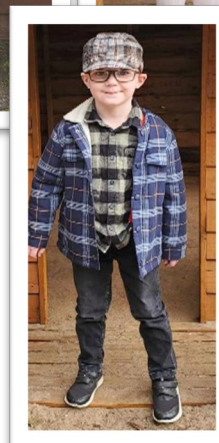
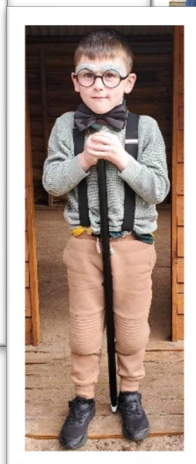
On the last day of term 2, Jam Band returned to our school which is always a hit with the students and staff. It was a great way to end the school term with everyone singing and dancing.

This term we look forward to Science for Real Incursion starting in week 3 and Book Week in week 5. Our Book Week parade is happening on Friday 25th August so please have a think about a costume. The theme this year is Read, Grow, Inspire and more information about the parade will feature in next week's Leadership Update.

Please be aware that we have our Pupil Free Day coming up on Friday 1st September and School Closure Day on Monday 4th September.

100 Days of School for our Receptions

On Tuesday this week, the Reception children celebrated 100 days of school!! We all felt 100 days older dressed as fabulous grannies and grandpas. Thank you to everyone for all of the effort celebrating this special occasion.



Mobile Phone and Personal Devices Policy

In line with the State Government's ban, students are required to turn off all mobile phones and other personal devices (such as smart watches), or

Term 3 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Year 4 Camp to Woodhouse – Wed 26th – Fri 28th July
- Science for Real Incursion – Monday 7th August
- School Tour – Monday 7th August @ 6pm
- Governing Council – Monday 7th August @ 7pm
- Book Week Parade – Friday 25th August
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 1st September
- School Closure Day – Monday 4th September
- Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 29th September



switch them to flight mode, and put them into a secure box kept in the front office while at school. As a reminder, students may only use their personal device if they have received approval from the school to use it for an exempted purpose. Please see the school's policy for more detail about the circumstances where students may be permitted to use their personal devices.

If you need to get in touch with your child during school hours, please ensure you use the school's formal communication channels so staff can assist with passing on a message or connecting you with your child. Likewise, we will always contact you directly where there is a need to do so.

Please encourage your child to always speak to a staff member in the first instance if they are feeling unwell or experiencing an issue at school so we can offer appropriate support and follow up. To ensure our duty of care obligations, all instances where a student requires early collection need to be arranged via the school office and using formal sign-out processes.

Thank you to all students who have been making efforts to follow these expectations, and to families for your support with this policy.

While mobile phones have an important place in our society and offer many benefits, they can also put students' safety and wellbeing at risk when they are used inappropriately. Keeping them off and away during school hours helps us to limit the negative impact from unsafe or inappropriate use.

Having some time away from personal devices each day is also helping to reduce distractions and improve focus in learning time and encourages students to use breaks to engage with other important activities for health, wellbeing, and development including face-to-face connections and physical activity.

More information about the statewide ban, and why it has been put in place, can be found on the Department for Education's website at: <http://phonesoff.sa.gov.au/>.

Kind regards,

Paul, Jackie and Katharine